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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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August 1, 1974

## MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

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FROM:

A. Denis Clift

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SUBJECT:

Schedule Proposal for the Netherlands Ambassador

State has forwarded the memorandum at Tab C requesting an appointment with the Vice President for Netherlands Ambassador van Lynden. As the Vice President will be out of town on August 13-15, it will not be possible to schedule this appointment.

I believe that the President might wish to receive Baron van Lynden for a brief farewell call. The Dutch Government is preparing to debate the controversial Dutch defense white paper this fall. (A public opinion poll just conducted in the Netherlands has revealed an upswing in popular support for NATO -- 76% of respondents in favor of Dutch membership as compared to 65% five years ago.) The meeting would permit the President to underline the importance the United States attaches to a strong NATO Alliance and to wholehearted participation by Alliance members.

If you agree, the schedule proposal for your signature to the President at Tab A would recommend that he receive Ambassador van Lynden for a farewell call. The memorandum for Jeanne Davis' signature to State at Tab B would advise that it will not be possible to schedule the requested appointment with the Vice President.

State Dept review completed  
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## RECOMMENDATION

1. That you sign the schedule proposal at Tab A.
2. That you approve the memorandum for Jeanne Davis' signature at Tab B.

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DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

NSS Review Completed.

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**SCHEDULE PROPOSAL**

**Date:**

**FROM: Henry A. Kissinger**

**VIA: David N. Parker**

**MEETING:** Netherlands Ambassador, Baron Rijnhard  
Bernhard van LYNDEN

**DATE:** August 13-15, 1974

**PURPOSE:** Farewell call -- brief review of NATO matters.

**FORMAT:** Oval Office, 10 minutes.

**SPEECH MATERIAL:** Talking points will be provided.

**PRESS COVERAGE:** To be announced; press photo opportunity.

**STAFF:** Henry A. Kissinger

**RECOMMEND:** Henry A. Kissinger

**BACKGROUND:** Baron van Lynden is returning to the Netherlands after nearly five years as Ambassador to the United States. This meeting would permit you to wish him well as he leaves his post and to request that he convey your best wishes to Queen Juliana.

The meeting would also permit you to emphasize the importance that the United States attaches to a strong NATO Alliance -- and to wholehearted participation by all Alliance members. A public opinion poll just conducted in the Netherlands by a highly respected polling organization has revealed that 76 percent of the respondents favor continued Dutch membership in NATO. (Five years ago popular support for NATO was at 65 percent.)

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The results of the poll may strengthen the hand of NATO supporters within the five-party coalition government when the controversial Dutch defense white paper is debated in Parliament this fall. Your meeting with the Dutch Ambassador would permit you to underline the importance of the Alliance to the West.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR**

**George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State**

**SUBJECT: Appointment Request for Ambassador van Lynden  
(S/S 7413705)**

**This is in reply to your memorandum of July 25 which forwarded Ambassador van Lynden's request for an appointment with the Vice President. Regretfully, it will not be possible to schedule the appointment, as the Vice President will be out of town on the dates requested.**

**Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 25, 1974

CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Appointment with the Vice President  
for Ambassador van Lynden

Netherlands Ambassador van Lynden will be definitively leaving his post in mid-August after nearly five years in Washington.

He would like to pay a farewell courtesy call on the Vice President, whom he knows owing to the fact that there are large numbers of constituents of Dutch ancestry in the Vice President's former Congressional district in Michigan. The Ambassador would be available at any time convenient between July 29 and August 1 and again between August 13 and 15. We recommend that a call be scheduled.

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*for Alan R. Mike*  
George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

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